WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MINUTES
October 11, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS VOTING: Michael McAuley, Port of Bellingham (1st Vice-Chairman); Terry Bornemann, Bellingham; Harry Robinson, Blaine; Jon Mutchler, Ferndale; Scott Korthuis, Lynden; Tom Jones, Nooksack; Todd Carlson (for Jay Drye), WSDOT; Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County; Paul Greenough, WTA; EX-OFFICIO: Donna Gibbs, Western Washington University

GUESTS Michael Lilliquist, Bellingham; Tom Parker, Parker Northwest; Joe Rutan, Whatcom County; Pete Stark, WTA; Greg Young, Ferndale

STAFF Bob Wilson (Secretary), Ron Cubellis, Hugh Conroy, Lethal Coe

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Vice-Chairman McAuley, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. with a quorum present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED

D. MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2017.

MOTION PASSED

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1 Amend the WCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Coe described proposed TIP Amendment No. 1710:
1. Amend WSDOT project SR 542/I-5 to Hannegan Road Vicinity – ADA Compliance to increase the preliminary engineering and construction phases by a combined $347,516, bringing the total estimated cost of the project to $879,671.

2. Add new WSDOT project I-5/Squalicum Creek to SR 539 – Bridge Deck Overlays. The project will rehabilitate select bridges on I-5 and is funded with federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, with preliminary engineering beginning in 2017 and construction in 2019. The total estimated cost is $868,776.

3. Add new WSDOT project I-5/Northwest Avenue Interchange – ADA Compliance. The project will evaluate and improve pedestrian safety at the I-5 Northwest Avenue interchange and is funded with NHPP funds, with preliminary engineering beginning in 2017 and construction in 2019. The total estimated cost is $62,769.

4. Remove City of Bellingham project West Horton Road, Phase 1 (construction). The project will be programmed in the regional TIP and the STIP at a later time.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:37 P.M.

No members of the public were present.

MOTION: Mr. Korthuis moved, Mr. Bornemann seconded, to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 4:37 P.M.

MOTION: Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1710 to the Whatcom Council of Governments’ 2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION PASSED

F.2 Adopt the 2018 WCOG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Coe briefly described the draft 2018 TIP, which was included in the meeting packet.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:43 P.M.

No members of the public were present.

MOTION: Mr. Bornemann moved, Mr. Jones seconded, to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 4:43 P.M.
G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Resolution No. 2017-10-1, Adopting the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

**MOTION:** Mr. Jones moved, Mr. Korthuis seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-10-1, approving the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

**MOTION PASSED**

H. PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Conroy briefed the Board on the following:

- Following up on the presentation that WSDOT made to the Policy Board in July, there is now a draft Washington Transportation Plan available for public review and feedback at [www.washtranplan.com](http://www.washtranplan.com).
- WCOG completed its Unified Planning Work Program annual report and submitted it to WSDOT in September. The report was distributed recently via e-mail to the Policy Board members.
- Related to ongoing discussion of updated federal planning rules moving states and metropolitan planning organizations toward performance-based planning and programming, Mr. Conroy distributed copies of a recent WSDOT folio that describes many of the requirements and timelines (which have only recently been finalized through federal rulemaking).
- Scope-of-work and request-for-proposal preparations for next year’s household travel survey and collection of external traffic counts.
- The successful Farmhouse Gang-sponsored “Health and Transportation Forum” in Mt. Vernon on September 8th, organized and facilitated by Melissa Fanucci and Mary Anderson.
- Recent activities and continuing work on the Accessible Transportation Communities Initiative (ATCI) grant received last year from the Easter Seals organization. The newly-formed Whatcom ATCI Committee completed a workshop in early September and will now begin planning for the implementation of mobility strategies.
- International Mobility and Trade Corridor (IMTC) Program activities, including progress on planning and implementing cross-border pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements, confirmation of $30,000 in IMTC operating funding from the Vancouver Airport Authority, and the recent publication of IMTC’s 2017 Resource Manual, copies of which were distributed to the representatives and other attendees at the meeting.
I. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wilson referred to the two pieces of correspondence included in the meeting packet: an e-mail from Matt Aamot of the Whatcom County Planning Department commending Mr. Coe for technical assistance he rendered, and a funding-award letter from WSDOT.

J. BOARD OPEN FORUM

No comments were offered by the representatives.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

[Signatures]

Jack Louws
2nd Vice-Chairman

Robert H. Wilson, AICP
Secretary

Minutes approved January 17, 2018